



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: MINERAL PROSPECTING RULES

Description of Proposal: WDFW is adopting rules that apply to mineral prospecting activities that use, divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or bed of any of the salt or fresh waters of the state. The existing rules contained in WAC 220-110-200 through 220-110-209 were adopted in 1998 and implemented in 1999. In 2006 the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission directed WDFW to revise these rules. The proposed rules reflect the latest available information on the impacts of mineral prospecting activities and methods to mitigate those impacts. Following rule adoption, a new G&F pamphlet describing the rules and containing other information related to mineral prospecting will be published. The G&F pamphlet will serve as the HPA for those activities described in it. The proposed rules and the G&F pamphlet will apply to all waters of Washington.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The proposed rules and the G&F pamphlet will apply to all waters of Washington State. The rules bar mineral prospecting in lakes, saltwater and waters within state park, national park, or wilderness boundaries, except if an individual site specific HPA is granted by WDFW.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal likely will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us. If you want to review this information, please contact WDFW at the address below.

Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 21 days**

from the date we issued the DNS. If you have comments about this DNS or the proposal, you must send your comments to us so that we receive them within 14 days. This means we must receive your comments by **July 18, 2008**.

When you send us your comments, please provide the name of proposal in your comment letter, and mail the letter to:

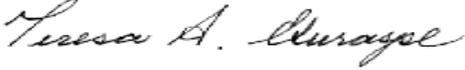
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You can also send your comments via email to SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov, or via fax to (360) 902-2946.

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: June 27, 2008 **SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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